

Respiratory Care Board of California
SB 1436 HOME CARE REGULATIONS

AGENDA

Friday, January 27, 2023

12:30 PM

WebEx Meeting

1. Introductions
2. SB 1436 Overview
 - a. Basic Respiratory Tasks
 - b. Home Care Carve Out
3. Identify Respiratory Tasks and Services Currently Provided
4. Patient-Specific Training Guidelines - Discussion
5. Legislative/Regulatory Timeline

In attendance:

RCB Vice President and 3 RCB Staff Members

BVNPT President and 2 BVNPT Staff Members

1 Parent Advocate

2 Representatives from Home Medical Device Retailer Association (CAMPS)

5 Representatives from CA Association of Healthcare at Home and Home Care Businesses

1 CA Nurses Association representative

1 CA Society for Respiratory Care representative

**RESPIRATORY CARE TASKS AND SERVICES
CURRENTLY PROVIDED IN HOME CARE
January 24, 2023**

1. Ventilator set-up and change-out and configuration

Includes:

- Connecting a patient to a ventilator who may breathe independently at other times of the day
- Transferring a patient from a stationary ventilatory to a travel ventilator
- Change out to a back-up ventilatory as necessary
- The ongoing build and configuration of the ventilatory circuit (after cleaning, replacement, ventilator change-out or an emergency)
- The connection and disconnection of a ventilatory circuit as needed
- Changing to an alternative preprogrammed and physician ordered ventilator setting upon a physician's order/approval

Does not include:

- Programming a ventilator per prescription for initial use by a home care health provider.
- Initiating or changing any ventilator setting
- The initial build and configuration of the ventilator circuit

2. Ventilator Alarms: Set, test, respond to, reset, or silence

Includes:

- Testing ventilator alarms before connecting a patient to the ventilator
- Responding to alarms
- Silencing alarm once caregiver resolves or in the process of resolving the reason for the alarm

Does not include:

- Setting alarms (LVNs are not permitted to access locked ventilator menu where alarms are set)

3. Non-invasive ventilation mask and straps

Includes:

- Placing ventilation mask on patient for use of a ventilator including straps and placement is secure

Does not include:

- Fitting a new mask for initial use of a ventilator

4. Ventilator oxygen concentrations

Includes:

- Initiating or changing oxygen concentrations through a ventilator (with a physician's order), without changing the programming of the ventilator itself

5. Aerosol treatments (nebulizer and meter dosed inhaler)

Includes:

- Configuration and application of trach mask, face mask and inline ventilatory circuit for the purpose of administering nebulized medications
- The connection and disconnection of an aerosol circuit as needed
- Pre-treatment assessment
- Preoxygenation as ordered by a physician
- Use of medical gas mixtures
- Endotracheal and nasal suctioning
- Post-treatment assessment
- Pushing a ventilator button (if applicable) to provide nebulizer treatments

6. Troubleshooting artificial airway problems

Includes:

- Troubleshooting artificial airway problems checking that trach tube is in place and is clear and correcting problems or blockages

Does not include:

- Making decisions about the type or style of tracheostomy tube or performing any type of intubation

7. Ventilator weaning

Includes:

- Performing physician ordered "sprints" off the ventilator for increasing periods of time

Does not include:

- Management of ventilator weaning

8. Oxygen and Humidification

Includes:

- Initial set-up, change out or replacement of the breathing circuit or adjustment of oxygen liter flow or oxygen concentration for oxygen tanks, heat moisture exchanger or other humidification device
- Filling, refilling, and cleaning the heater humidifier water chamber used with ventilators

9. Tracheal care

Includes:

- Replacement of tracheostomy tie
- Replacement of tracheostomy gauze
- Cleaning of the stoma site
- Tracheal suctioning (surface and deep suctioning)
- Cuff inflation/deflation
- Placement or removal of external speaking valve or trach cap
- Removal or replacement of tracheostomy tube, inner cannula and outer cannula
- Placing / removing a Heat Moisture Exchanger (HME) from a tracheostomy tube

Does not include:

- Assessment for the use of a speaking valve or trach cap
- Deep nasal or endotracheal suctioning

10. Assessment of and response to a patient's respiratory status

Includes:

- Observing patients for signs and symptoms of respiratory distress
- Taking action in response to respiratory distress that the LVN has been trained in
- Administering life support protocols for which he/she has been trained
- Use of an ambu-bag

Does not include:

- Performing any task for which an LVN does not feel competent or has not received training

11. Respiratory treatments and therapies and other devices

Includes:

The initiation, instruction, and assistance, set up, operation, connection, disconnecting and troubleshooting, as applicable for the following:

- Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilator (IPV) Treatments / Percussive vest treatments
- Manual chest percussive therapy
- Cough assist machines
- Pushing a ventilator button (if applicable) to engage cough assist function
- Heater/humidifiers used in line with a ventilator.
- Airvo/Optiflow Direct tracheostomy interface (high flow oxygen/humidifier device)
- Air compressor (cool mist/heater/humidifier)
- Metered Dose Inhaler (independent device and those connected to vent/trach tube)
- Medication delivery via the ventilator
- Medication delivery via patented Podhaler system for TOBI brand tobramycin
- Treatments delivered via a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) device
- CPAP/BiLevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) devices
- All types of pulse oximeter devices
- Apnea monitor
- Device power supply

12. Documentation

Includes:

- Documenting all care provided and observations of patients' status and response

13. Education and Instruction

Includes:

- Providing instruction on the proper operation or application of those respiratory devices, procedures, or therapy for which the LVN has received training
- Providing advice or instruction on safety hazards